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TRAINING PROGRAM

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER WHICH THE EMBASSY
IS AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE WITH MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL
OJEDA PAULLADA.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL:

A. IN CONFIRMATION OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS BE-
TWEEN OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO
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THE COOPERATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES

TO CURB THE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFIC OF OPIUM POPPY AND OPIATE DERIVATIVES, I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IN ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE SUCH TRAFFIC.

B. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN MEXICAN HELICOPTER PILOTS AND SIXTEEN MEXICAN MECHANICS. THE TOTAL COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THIS ASSISTANCE SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (DOLS. 110,500.00).

C. BECAUSE THE BELL HELICOPTER COMPANY HAS NO BELL 212 HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE, THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PROVIDE ONE OF THESE AIRCRAFT FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, WHETHER THE TRAINING TAKES PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN MEXICO. IN ADDITION, IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES DETERMINES THAT IT WOULD BE LESS COSTLY OR OTHERWISE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO CONDUCT PART OF THIS TRAINING IN MEXICO, THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PROVIDE SPACE, STORAGE, SHELTER AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS AT NO COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR PURSUANT TO SUCH FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO REIMBURSE THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR ALL REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR SERVICES AND FOR CONSUMABLE ITEMS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO PROVIDES OR PROCURES IN SUPPORT OF SAID TRAINING PROGRAM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY DELIVERY OF ONE BELL 212 HELICOPTER TO THE TRAINING SITE, IF NECESSARY, AND AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS AGREEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL REIMBURSE THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO THROUGH THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN MEXICO FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF THOSE TRAINEES WHO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR TRAINING.

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D. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR FINANCING OF ADDITIONAL MEXICAN HELICOPTER PILOT AND MECHANIC TRAINING NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO'S POPPY ERADICATION EFFORTS.

E. IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT

OF MEXICO, THIS LETTER AND YOUR REPLY SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

F. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO YOU THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM.

----- SINCERELY, UNQUOTE.

3. THE PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. APPROXIMATELY 15 DAYS PILOT TRAINING AND 4 DAYS GROUND SCHOOL FOR THREE BELL 212 TRAINEES;

B. APPROXIMATELY 5 DAYS PILOT TRAINING AND 3 DAYS GROUND SCHOOL FOR EIGHT BELL 206B TRAINEES;

C. APPROXIMATELY 45 DAYS PILOT TRAINING AND 5 DAYS GROUND SCHOOL FOR EIGHT G47 TRAINEES;

D. APPROXIMATELY 15 DAYS PILOT TRAINING AND 3 DAYS GROUND SCHOOL FOR THE SAME EIGHT PILOT TRAINEES IN (C) ABOVE FOR CONVERSION TO 206B;

E. APPROXIMATELY 21 DAYS BELL 212 AIR FRAME MAINTENANCE AND 8 DAYS BELL 212 ENGINE MAINTENANCE TRAINING FOR EIGHT MECHANICS;

F. APPROXIMATELY 21 DAYS BELL 206B AIR FRAME MAINTENANCE AND 10 DAYS ENGINE MAINTENANCE TRAINING FOR EIGHT MECHANICS.

4. EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT PROPOSED LETTER OF AGREEMENT LEAVES US FLEXIBILITY TO CONDUCT PART OF TRAINING IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEXICO (SPECIFICALLY BELL 212 PILOT TRAINING AND 206B ENGINE MAINTENANCE TRAINING) IF IT CAN BE PERFORMED THERE AT SUBSTANTIAL LESS COST THAN IN US. REGARDLESS OF WHERE BELL 212 TRAINING TAKES PLACE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO USE ONE OF GOM'S BELL 212 HELICOPTERS, SINCE BELL HAS NONE AVAILABLE. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT TRAINING ON THE 212 SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT BELL FACILITY IN TEXAS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE GOM TO DELIVER HELICOPTER TO FORT WORTH. THERE MAY BE OTHER PORTIONS OF TRAINING WHICH WE WILL ALSO WANT PERFORMED IN MEXICO. KISSINGER

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